

**NWOD release**

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I was contacted by Dave Wilson and Vicki Bennet today regarding an incident that took place yesterday (11/21/05). While dredging was being conducted on the Chevron property near Chevron's old outfall, vegetation removal was being conducted as part of routine canal maintenace due to build up on the siphon. A backhoe was used and there was an immediate increase in flow and the canal level dropped thus increasing velocity, this displaced the boom and there was a corresponding release of oil and grease downstream. There was a shut down of the operation but product moved downstream.

I consulted with an EPA OSC and was told that the visible sheen is to be instantly reported to the NRC and is not expected to be quantified. I notified Dave Wilson and he called in the release. I requested a stop work and requested that NWOD provide in writing what engineering controls will be in place before work resumes. The controls will be reviewed by an EPA OSC. Additionally I requested a written plan on what action/sampling will be taken to verify that these releases have not contaminated the canal that has already been cleaned up by the county.

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